



Jennifer Belcher

Quick Facts

Birth: 1944

Beckley, West Virginia

Death:

Occupation: Management Consultant

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1983-93

Office: Representative;
Commissioner of Public Lands

District: 22 (Thurston County)

Personal:

- President of Management Dynamics, a management consulting and organizational development firm
- Previously worked as a state employee for 11 years.
- Serves on various board of directors and is nationally recognized for innovative management and training programs, and for her interest in government and politics.

Education:

- Bethany College

Community Service:

Affiliations:

Awards:

Legislative & State Service:

- Worked on legislation that: regulated strip searches, increased the state's minimum wage and assured coverage for farm workers, imposed tougher penalties on child abuse, passed "comparable worth" salary legislation for women in state government, regulated how the state would grow under the Growth Management Act.
- Worked for Governors Daniel J. Evans and Dixie Lee Ray. Also held jobs as an aide to a legislator and a state agency director before being elected to the legislature.

Committees: (1983) Labor, vice-chair; Natural Resources; State Government (1985) State Government, chair; Higher Education; Natural Resources (1987) Natural Resources; Trade & Economic Development; Ways & Means, Subcommittee on Appropriations (1989) Natural Resources, chair; Appropriations; Judiciary (1991) Natural Resources & Parks, chair; Appropriations; Judiciary; Revenue

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- First woman Commissioner of Public Lands in Washington State, 1993-2000
- Joint Select Committee on Comparable Worth Implementation

Sources:

- “Lands Commissioner cites mom’s illness,” by Brad Shannon, *The Olympian*, May 9, 2000.
- “Belcher known to use her clout when it counts,” by Rob Taylor, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, October 29, 1992.
- “Veteran legislator Belcher to run for state lands commissioner job,” by Jim Erickson, *The Olympian*, January 7, 1992.
- “Jennifer Belcher makes bid for 4th term in state House,” by Mike Oakland, *The Olympian*, June 27, 1988.
- “Belcher says she was effective first-term legislator,” by Mike Oakland, *The Olympian*, May 30, 1984.
- *Ray Moore: An Oral History*, interviewed by Sharon Boswell, Washington State Oral History Program, Office of the Secretary of State, 1999